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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 13, 2003, entry and  
consideration of the following amendments are remarks are requested.

The format of the present paper is submitted to comply with soon-to-be adopted  
amended 37 CFR 1.121, and as permitted in the attached "Pre-OG Notice" dated  
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Examination Policy. The format to the present Amendment is believed to be in  
compliance with the attached and is submitted without prejudice. The Office is  
requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required to comply  
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penalty or prejudice, to provide any further or corrected item.